

REMARKS

By this amendment, applicants have amended the specification to correct typographical errors. Applicants have also amended claim 1 to eliminate the indefiniteness problem noted by the Examiner in numbered section 2 of the office action. Claims 3 - 5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 7 - 16 added. Claims 7 - 10 are supported by, e.g., Figures 1, 3(b), 15(a) and 15(b) and the disclosure at, e.g., paragraphs 0099 and 0132 of applicants' specification. With respect to new independent claim 8, see, also, claims 12, 42, 44 and 46 of applicants' prior United States Patent No. 6,664,642. Claims 11 - 16 are supported by, e.g., Figures 25 and 26 and paragraphs 0155 and 0156 of applicants' specification. See, also, claims 29 and 31 of United States Patent No. 6,664,642.

In view of the foregoing amendment to claim 1 and the cancellation of claim 3, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 3 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, are requested.

In response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejections of claims 1 and 2 over claims 34 - 40 of United States Patent No. 6,664,642 and claim 6 over claim 35 over United States patent No. 6,664,642, applicants are submitting herewith a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). The Terminal Disclaimer has been filed in order to advance the prosecution of the subject application and is not an admission of the propriety of the double patenting rejection.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted all of the claims now in the application are in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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